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**Subject:** FW: Meddling into village affairs and authority

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**Subject:** Meddling into village affairs and authority

My first comment on the email of Jesse DeCoteau responding to Andrew Gashwazra is to remind them the question about First Mesa Water is a village matter. First Mesa consolidated Villages operate and own the water system. We fully understand that our system receives grants from the federal government with the approval of the Hopi Tribe only because of the government-to-government relationship. Also, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Hopi Tribe references to the Hopi Tribe as a "union of self governing villages". With this in mind, the Hopi Tribal Government must and should also abide by its constitution to recognize, "what are village matters". Its been far to long that the Hopi Tribal Government has overstep the mandates of its constitution which is allowing outside governments to also ignore our village governments authority. Approvals of village leases, rights-of-ways, grants, etc. by the Hopi Tribal Council is merely to comply with the constitution to be the advocacy to outside governments. It has been far to long for the Hopi Tribe in politicizing its efforts to overthrow our village governments, especially villages under the traditional form of government. The email from Andrew requesting information on First Mesa Water based on hearsay must be first addressed to FMCV. After receiving this request at FMCV, it would be our responsibility to request technical assistance from the Indian Health Service in writing. Indian Health Service should have made an inquiry into this request along with our immediate notification. I will report this to our village leadership and make it know we are offended by this action.

We are currently engaged in a land use development plan which includes sub-division housing, fire station, community building, child care center, office rentals units, business developments, renewable energy, etc. which I now believe is a serious treat to the TawaOvi Project. Some of us do have the position that this project is in direct competition with our village projects. I have been in contact with Shipaulavi Village and Kykotsmovi Economic Development Committee on their projects. Some of us believe that after the completion of the Moencopi Development Project with the financial assistance of the Hopi Tribe, some of our villages are now ready with our projects. What today is my question, what is the primary responsibility and purpose of the Office of Community Planning and Economic Development? Is it to challenge our village projects or are they suppose to be engaged to assist our efforts. Should Andrew as Director come knocking at our village offices to introduce himself and his office offering to assist us? Does it require our Chairman and/or Vice Chairman to direct him to come meet with us? To throw a money wrench at our project at this point is toatally unacceptable. Today, it appears they are only working on the Tawa-Ovi Project and yet to be further questioned by the Hopi

Tribal Council. I'm fully aware we were in competition for our last request for CDBG Grant. Our traditional leaders invitation to meet with the Tawa-Ovi Project is still open. Our people are in need of housing, community service centers, business developments, jobs, etc.

I recently heard a Navajo Tribal Leader say, "land is nothing without water", how true. First and Second Mesa have been waiting years on the HAMP Project. We are still waiting and now faced being cited by EPA for use of water containing high levels of arsenic. Our waiver issued several years ago expired January of 2015. It is my understanding that HAMP was originally to be completed in January 2015. First Mesa allowed the completion of the wells at Hardrock since it is located on traditional First Mesa lands. Our leadership also approved the extension of HEMP to the High School and Hopi BIA Agency. We have done our part and still waiting. Electrical power to the pumps we understand became an issue. Again, Tawa-Ovi demanded under ground electrical power to its site resulting in additional cost to the project. The cost to bring power by APS will be very costly. Our water pumps experience fluctuating power and frequent power outages resulting in costly pump failures. We now have information that APS is close to providing maximum power to our reservation and probably has no intentions to improve its lines. They have enjoyed free rights-of-ways and any additional cost will be passed on to the customer.

I have met with NTUA on several occasions to be pro active on our current dilemma. These meetings resulted in the following:

1. They can provide power to our wells.
2. They can seek federal rural grant to construct water line to our village.
3. Operate and Maintain the system
4. Buy out APS
5. Train Hopi to take over the system.

However, they are concerned that Hopi Tribal Council will most likely not approve their proposal based on our past relationship.

The federal issues between IHS and HUD was included in the email. I will bring this matter to the attention of the Hopi Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. What some of our villages appreciate is the complete obligation of years of unused federally appropriated funds. It is my understanding this was a result of Hopi Housing Administrators inability to complete projects. Hopi will not return its appropriated funds as compared to Navajo returning about 94 million. It is further my understanding these funds could be appropriated to Hopi.

In closing, I will be available to meet to explain our position since it is my current position that our past working relationship and understandings with IHS is in question.